

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/888,482

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

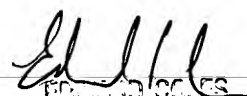
1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/29/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2, ⁴2-12, 14-21, 23-40, 43 HDG
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 12/29/04 has been entered and made of record. Claims have been renumbered 1-40.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-40 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-40 are allowable over the prior art or record because the Examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of the said prior art which teaches a document reading apparatus comprising: a document table for supporting a single document; a document tray for receiving a stack of documents; a line sensor for reading an image from each of the documents in units of lines parallel to a main scanning direction; a sensor transporter for transporting the line sensor to scan the document on said document table from one reading surface edge in the sub-scanning direction during a first reading mode; a document feeder for feeding each document received in said document tray such that the document is scanned from another reading surface edge opposite to the one reading surface edge of the document on said document table in the sub-scanning direction during a second reading mode; and a processing section for processing a reading result of said line sensor as image data; wherein said processing section has a controller for controlling a read start timing to compensate for a read range which may positionally deviate with respect to an identical effective reading area of each

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document between the first and second reading modes; and wherein said controller is configured such that the read start timing is set in the first reading mode at a timing that transportation of said line sensor is started from a reference reading position where a reading surface edge of the document faces said line sensor, and is set in the second reading mode at a timing that the effective reading area reaches said line sensor located at the reference reading position, respectively as set forth in claims 1,10,19,27,34 including all of the features recited therein.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Heather D Gibbs whose telephone number is 571-272-7404. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thu 8AM-6PM.

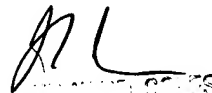
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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